

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A stand for a beverage container and other objects comprising:
 - a platform having a plurality of platform locking loops;
 - a first leg ~~mechanism~~ having leg locking loops substantially orthogonal to, and removably inter-engaged with corresponding platform locking loops;
 - a second leg ~~mechanism~~ having leg locking loops substantially orthogonal to, and removably inter-engaged with corresponding platform locking loops;
 - whereby said first and second legs are maintained substantially upright and maintained substantially orthogonal to said platform by the removable inter-engagement of said leg and platform locking loops.
2. (Original) The stand of claim 1 wherein said platform and said platform locking loops are comprised of wire.
3. (Currently amended) The stand of claim 1 wherein said first leg ~~mechanism~~ and said second leg ~~mechanism~~ and said leg locking loops of said first and second legs are comprised of wire.
4. (Original) A support stand for a beverage container and other objects comprising:
 - a substantially rectangular, substantially planar platform, said platform having a

width W and a depth D, said platform being formed to have first and second opposing upturned sides of height H, said first and second sides being separated from each other by a distance equal to said width W, said platform further having first and second ends each of which is adjacent both said first and second sides, said first and second ends being separated from each other by a distance equal to said depth D, said first and second ends each having first and second platform locking loops;

a first formed-wire leg having first and second formed-wire leg locking loops for inter-engaging with said first and second platform locking loops of said first end of said platform such that, said first and second formed wire leg locking loops of said first leg are capable of inter-engaging and thereby locking with the first and second platform locking loops at said first end of said platform, said first leg supporting said platform at said first end;

a second formed-wire leg having first and second formed-wire leg locking loops for substantially orthogonally mating and inter-engaging with said first and second platform locking loops of said second end of said platform, such that, said first and second formed wire leg locking loops of said second leg are capable of inter-engaging and locking with said first and second platform locking loops at said second end of said platform, said second leg supporting said platform at said second end; wherein said first and second legs are maintained upright relative to the platform by said first and second platform locking loops of said first and second ends of said platform.

5. (Original) The support stand of claim 4 wherein said platform and said platform locking loops are comprised of wire.

6. (Original) A foldable support stand for a beverage container and other objects comprising:

a substantially rectangular, substantially planar support platform having first and second ends and formed from at least first and second substantially parallel wires, spaced apart from each other, each of said first and second wires being continuously formed at its first end to have a platform locking loop, each of said first and second wires being continuously formed at its second end to have a platform locking loop;

a first wire leg having first and second formed-wire leg locking loops capable of mating with and substantially orthogonally inter-engaging and locking said first wire leg to said first and second formed-wire platform locking loops at said first end of said platform, by at least one of: a) the insertion of the locking loops of said first wire leg into locking loops at the first end of said platform; and b) the insertion of said locking loops of the first end of said platform into the locking loops of said first wire leg; thereby providing a first foldable support of said platform by said first wire leg;

a second wire leg having first and second formed-wire leg locking loops capable of mating with and substantially orthogonally inter-engaging and locking said second wire leg to said first and second formed-wire platform locking loops at said second end of said platform, by at least one of: a) the insertion of the locking loops of said second wire leg into locking loops at the second end of said platform; and b) the insertion of said locking loops of the second end of said platform into the locking loops of said second wire leg thereby providing a second foldable support of said platform by said second leg.

7. (Original) A foldable support stand for a beverage container and other objects comprising:

a substantially planar support platform formed from first and second parallel, substantially rigid platform wires, spaced apart from each other, each of said first and second rigid platform wires having a first end that is partially wound to form on each wire's first end, a first end open locking loop, each of said platform wires having a second end that is partially wound to form on each wire's second end, a second end open locking loop;

a first length of cross member wire, substantially orthogonal to and attached to said first end open locking loops thereby forming closed platform locking loops at said first ends of said first and second wires;

a second length of cross member wire, substantially orthogonal to and attached to said second end open locking loops thereby forming closed platform locking loops at said second ends of said first and second wires;

a first substantially trapezoidal-shaped wire leg having first and second formed-wire leg locking loops capable of locking the first substantially trapezoidal-shaped wire leg to the planar support platform by the inter-engagement of the first and second formed-wire leg locking loops of said first wire leg with the closed platform locking loops at said first ends of said first and second wires;

a second substantially trapezoidal-shaped wire leg having first and second formed-wire leg locking loops capable of locking the second substantially trapezoidal-shaped wire leg to the planar support platform by the inter-engagement of the first and second formed-wire leg locking loops of said second wire leg with the substantially

orthogonally inter-engaging said closed platform locking loops at said second ends of said first and second wires.

8. (Original) A support stand for a beverage container and other objects comprising:

a substantially planar platform having a plurality of platform locking loops lying in a plane substantially coplanar to said platform and coupled to said platform;

a first leg mechanism having leg locking loops substantially orthogonal to, and removably inter-engaged with corresponding platform locking loops coupled to said platform;

a second leg mechanism having leg locking loops substantially orthogonal to, and removably inter-engaged with corresponding platform locking loops coupled to said platform;

whereby said first and second legs are maintained substantially upright and maintained substantially orthogonal to said platform by the removable inter-engagement of said leg and platform locking loops.

9. (Original) A foldable support stand for a beverage container and other objects comprising:

a substantially rectangular, substantially planar platform, said platform having a width W and a depth D, said platform being formed to have first and second substantially opposing upturned sides of height H, said first and second sides being separated from each other by a distance substantially equal to said width W, said platform further having first and second ends each of which is adjacent both said first and second sides, said first and second ends being separated from each other by a distance substantially equal to said depth D, said first and second ends each having first and second formed-wire platform

locking loops substantially coplanar with said platform;

a first formed-wire leg having first and second formed-wire leg locking loops capable of substantially orthogonally mating, and inter-engaging and locking said first formed wire leg to said substantially planar platform by the inter-engagement of said first and second formed-wire platform locking loops of said first end of said platform to the first and second formed-wire leg locking loops of said first leg;

a second formed-wire leg having first and second formed-wire leg locking loops capable of substantially orthogonally mating and inter-engaging and locking said second formed-wire leg to said substantially planar platform by the inter-engagement of said first and second formed-wire platform locking loops of said second end of said platform to the first and second formed-wire leg locking loops of said second leg; wherein said first and second legs are maintained upright relative to the platform by said first and second platform locking loops of said first and second ends of said platform.

10. (Original) A support stand for a beverage container and other objects comprising:

a substantially rectangular, substantially planar support platform formed from at least first and second substantially parallel wires, spaced apart from each other, each of said first and second wires having a first end at each of which is located a wire platform locking loop continuously formed therewith each of said first and second wires having a second end at each of which is located a wire platform locking loop continuously formed therewith;

a first wire leg having first and second formed-wire leg locking loops capable of mating with and substantially orthogonally inter-engaging and locking with said first and second formed-wire platform locking loops of said first end of said platform, said first leg

supporting said platform at said first end;

a second wire leg having first and second formed-wire leg locking loops mating with and substantially orthogonally inter-engaging and locking with said first and second formed-wire platform locking loops of said second end of said platform, said second leg supporting said platform at said second end.

11. (Currently amended) A dispenser platform comprising:

a rectangular platform on which a container can be supported,

said rectangular platform ~~also~~ having four corners, a length, a width and having first and second opposing side walls that extend upward from the rectangular platform, said side walls being ~~separated by a predetermined distance, D, said distance D being selected to match an exterior dimension of~~ adapted to hold a container ~~to be supported on the platform by exerting a force on the container;~~

at least ~~three~~ two wire legs, each of which is attached to and supporting the platform and capable of supporting a container on the platform, each wire leg being substantially orthogonal to the ~~upper surface of the~~ rectangular platform.

12. (Currently amended) The dispenser platform of claim 11 wherein said opposing side walls are separated by a predetermined distance such that the opposing side walls are adapted to exert D that is less than the outside width of a container to be supported on the platform and by which a frictional force ~~will be exerted~~ on the a container placed between the sidewalls, ~~by the side walls so as to secure the container within the side walls.~~

13. (Currently amended) The dispenser platform of claim 11 wherein said opposing side walls are adapted to hold a ~~separated by a distance $[[D]]$ that is substantially equal to the outside width of a beverage container box.~~

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently amended) A dispenser platform comprising:

a substantially rectangular platform on which a container can be supported, said platform having:

four corners;

a length and a width;

said platform also having first and second opposing side walls that extend upward from the platform along the length of the platform, said side walls being arranged and adapted ~~separated by a predetermined distance, D, said distance D being selected to match an exterior dimension of a beverage container;~~

~~at least first and second, third and fourth~~ a plurality of wire legs, each leg being proximate to and coupled to a corresponding one of the four corners of the platform, each wire leg being substantially orthogonal to the ~~top of the~~ platform.

16. (Currently amended) The dispenser platform of claim 15 wherein said side walls are arranged and adapted to match an exterior dimension of a beverage containing box. D is selected to match an exterior dimension of a beverage containing box.

17. (Currently amended) The dispenser platform of claim 15 wherein said opposing side walls are arranged and adapted to exert a ~~separated by a distance D that is less than the outside width of a beverage container to be supported on the platform and a distance by~~

~~which a frictional force will be exerted on the beverage container, by the side walls so as to secure the container within the side walls.~~

18. (Currently amended) The dispenser platform of claim 15 wherein said side walls are arranged and adapted to match an exterior dimension of a ~~opposing side walls are separated by a distance D that is substantially equal to the outside width of a detergent container.~~

19. (Currently amended) The dispenser platform of claim ~~[[15]]~~ 18 wherein said opposing side walls are adapted to exert a force on ~~separated by a distance D that is less than the outside width of a detergent container so that a force will be exerted on the detergent container by the side walls to secure the~~ of said detergent container, ~~within the side walls.~~

20. (Currently amended) A platform comprising:

a substantially rectangular platform formed from wire and having:

four corners;

a length and a width;

said platform also having first and second opposing side walls formed from upturned wire that extends upward from the platform along the length of the platform, the upturned wires forming the side walls and being separated from each other such that the side walls are adapted to receive ~~by a predetermined distance, D, said distance D being selected to match an exterior dimension of a beverage container~~ between them;

~~first and second, third and fourth~~ wire legs, each wire leg being proximate to and coupled to a corresponding one of the four corners of the platform, each wire leg being substantially orthogonal to the ~~top of the~~ platform.

21. (Currently amended) The platform of claim 20 wherein said side walls are adapted to receive a ~~D is selected to match an exterior dimension of a~~ beverage-containing box.

22. (Currently amended) The platform of claim 20 wherein said opposing side walls are adapted to receive a ~~separated by a distance D that is substantially equal to the outside width of a~~ detergent container.

23. (Currently amended) The platform of claim 20 wherein said opposing side walls are adapted to exert a ~~separated by a distance D that is less than the outside width of a beverage container to be supported on the platform and by which a frictional force will be exerted on the beverage container by the side walls so as to secure the beverage container within the side walls.~~

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Original) The platform of claim 20 wherein said wire has a diameter, said diameter being ~~[[is]]~~ between approximately 3 and 5 mils.